

Application Serial No. 09/763,129

Further to the Response filed on April 5, 2004 and in Response to Office Action dated October 3, 2003

REMARKS

Claims 1-17, 19, 20, and 22 were previously cancelled.

Claim 18 has been amended.

Claims 18, 21, and 23-27 are pending in the present application.

The amendment of Claim 18 is supported by Figure 2a, Figure 2b, page 6, lines 5-18, and the Sequence Listing.

No new matter has been added by the present amendment.

Applicants wish to thank Examiner Gambel for bringing their attention to the fact that the amendment filed on April 5, 2004 inadvertently listed the sequence identifiers for the polynucleotide sequences rather than the appropriate amino acid sequences. Applicants submit that the claims are now proper.

Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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